

STATE ROUTE 98 (STATE ROUTE 111 TO STATE ROUTE 7)

OVERALL GOAL

- Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, increase capacity, and relieve congestion in and around the City of Calexico.
- Accommodate NAFTA, interregional and local traffic by improving access between the new Calexico East Federal Port of Entry to SR-111 and beyond.

PROJECT

State Route 98 (SR-98) is an east/west two-lane conventional highway, which parallels the international border in Imperial County. The plan calls for widening and/or realigning of SR-98 between State Route 111 and State Route 7 from two to four lanes (six in some locations). The project will require acquisition of additional right of way, and relocation of irrigation systems. This project is included in the Governor's Transportation Congestion Relief Program (TCRP).

STATUS

The project is currently in the Project Report/Environmental Document phase. A Value Analysis Study was prepared to help identify alignment alternatives to be evaluated during this phase.

TRAFFIC

SR-98, along with SR-7, is expected to facilitate the increase in the movement of cross-border traffic with Mexico as a result of NAFTA. Traffic forecasts indicate that widening SR-98 is needed to accommodate the current and future traffic demands, and to help relieve congestion in the City of Calexico.

FUNDING

The total cost of the project ranges from \$40 million to \$60 million. There is currently \$8.9 million TCRP, \$2.5 million STIP-RIP, and \$1.1 million in local funds on this project for preliminary engineering, design and a portion of right of way. An additional \$28 million to \$48 million is needed to fund the project through Right of Way and Construction phases.

SCHEDULE

Due to funding and resource constraints, the environmental studies for the project have been suspended. Once reinitiated, the environmental phase will take approximately three years to complete. This would be followed by approximately two years of design and right of way acquisition, and two year of construction.

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